

REMARKS

A. Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and §102(b)

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-6, 9, 11-13, 15-18 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as anticipated by Panagiotou. Specifically, the Examiner asserts that Panagiotou teaches a light housing having all the elements disclosed in the present invention. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims of the present invention are not anticipated by Panagiotou. Independent Claims 1 and 20 of the present invention, as amended, provide that the rear wall of the light shield is located posterior to the rear portion of the light source and that the shield is free of any permanent attachment to the light source. These amendments are supported in Figures 2-4 of the drawings and in the specification at paragraphs 27, 37, 40, 76. Thus, no new matter has been added to the application through these amendments.

The light shield of the present invention can be easily separated from the light source itself. The shield is merely attached to a fixed object in close proximity to the light source in order to shield the rear portion of the light source from a viewer. For example, the light shield can be affixed to the ground in close proximity to the rear portion of an electric flood light. The shield can be packaged and sold separately from the light source. This provides a simple, efficient and cost-effective means of providing professional-quality landscape lighting. The cited references do not provide these advantages.

The light shield in Panagiotou does not have a rear wall that is located posterior to the rear portion of the light source. The Examiner asserts that detail 13 is the rear wall in Panagiotou 24. This wall is not located posterior to the rear portion of the light

source. If, instead, the Examiner asserts that element 70 is the rear wall of the shield, this shield is not free of permanent attachment to the light source. As shown in figure 3, the light source 24 is permanently attached to element 70. Therefore, the invention in Panagiotou cannot anticipate the present invention.

The Examiner also rejected Claims 1-9, 11-13, 15-16 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as anticipated by Kira. Kira, however, does not disclose a light shield that is free of permanent attachment to the light source. Even if the Examiner defines element 12 as being the rear wall of the shield, the shield itself is not free of permanent attachment from the light source 42. Therefore, Kira does not anticipate the present invention.

B. Rejection of Claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Examiner rejected Claim 14 as being obvious over Kira in view of Chung. Though the Examiner refers to Chung '828, the patent number for Chung is not listed on the Notice of References Cited, nor is it listed in Applicant's IDS. Applicant is unable to determine what patent the Examiner refers to. If the Examiner will point out the patent number for Chung, Applicant would be pleased to reply to this rejection.

C. Objections to Claims

The Examiner asserted that Claim 10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has amended Claim 10 accordingly. Therefore, Claim 10 should be allowable.

D. Allowance of Claims

Applicant respectfully acknowledges that the Examiner has allowed Claim 19.

In summary, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejected claims are patentably distinct over the references cited by the Examiner and meet all other statutory requirements. It is believed that the present Application is in complete condition for allowance and, therefore, reconsideration of the rejections in the Office Action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned should any issues remain after the consideration of this response.

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